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A LEADER OF ARIZONA'S ARYAN BROTHERHOOD PRISON GANG FOUND GUILTY

PHOENIX, ARIZONA –Paul K. Charlton, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, and Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announced that on February 11, 2004, BRUCE FOY LOWRY, A.K.A. "Boss Hog", D.O.B. 12/22/50, of Phoenix, Arizona, was found guilty of Felon in Possession of Ammunition in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), by a federal jury at Phoenix, Arizona. The case was tried before United States District Court Judge David G. Campbell on February 10-11, 2004.

The evidence in the case showed that on April 15, 2003, Lowry was under surveillance by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) along with State, County and local agencies. Lowry was wanted on an unrelated outstanding arrest warrant. Lowry was ultimately located at a gas station near 35th Avenue and Thunderbird in Phoenix, Arizona. Lowry was arrested in his car by the ATF and multiple assisting agencies. At the time of his arrest, Lowry admitted he had a gun in his waistband, a loaded Ruger, Model P94, .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Lowry was not charged with gun possession charges because there was no evidence the gun had ever crossed a state line which is an element of the offense. However, the ammunition contained in Lowry's gun had crossed state lines and therefore, he was charged with the

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Felon in Possession of Ammunition.

Lowry has multiple prior felony convictions including five convictions in the Superior Court of Arizona, Pima County, for (1) Armed Robbery, Case No. A-25391, on February 3, 1975; (2) Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Case No. CR 7783, on November 8, 1978; (3) Assault with Intent to Commit Murder, Case No. CR 7999, on August 8, 1979; (4) Promoting Prison Contraband, Case No. CR 11267, on June 22, 1987; and (5) Possession of a Dangerous Drug, Case No. CR 11267, on June 22, 1987.

Lowry's conviction is the latest success of an ATF initiated project identified as Project A.R.R.O.W., "Apprehend Released Repeat Offenders with Weapons." This project targets violent repeat offenders within the State of Arizona who have demonstrated an ongoing propensity for violence with weapons, particularly firearms. Once targeted, the project employs both proactive and reactive measures to identify whether the individuals have re-armed themselves. Once a target is known to have re-armed, ATF seeks to arrest him before he commits any additional crimes involving a weapon within the community. Project A.R.R.O.W. is part of the District of Arizona's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

Lowry is subject to sentencing under the Armed Career Criminal Act, 18 U.S.C. § 924(e), because he has three separate prior felony convictions for crimes of violence. A conviction for Felon in Possession of Ammunition under the Armed Career Criminal Act carries minimum mandatory penalty of 15 years to life imprisonment and a possible fine of up to \$250,000.00. Lowry will remain in federal custody pending his sentencing.

The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with assistance from the Phoenix Police Department, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, and Arizona Department of Corrections.

Sentencing is set before Judge Campbell on Monday, April 26, 2004, at 3:00 p.m.

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